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Editorial

Church News

An unusually large amount of church news accumulated during the interval between the last issue of the paper and the going out of this number, a period of two weeks. To make room for this "perishable goods" we yield two of our regular editorial pages. One or two of the usual departments are also wanting this week. With next week's issue the several departments of the paper will again appear at their proper places.

Communion Notices

Three communion notices, intended for last week's paper, are left unpublished, for the reason that the time set for these services will be past before this paper leaves the office. They are from brethren Koontz, Swihart and A. S. Baker. These brethren will understand why their notices do not appear. No blame attaches to any one as they would have been of use only in last week's paper.

Dedication of a New Church

We are in receipt of a program announcing the services of the dedication of the First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa., which took place May 15. Song and prayer services, addresses and sermons, make up the program which began at 10:30 in the morning and continued all day, closing with a sermon and appropriate song in the evening at 8 o'clock. Brother I. D. Bowman preached in the forenoon, afternoon and evening. The services from 7 to 8 in the evening were conducted by Brother Cassel. We note also that Sister Detwiler took part in the services, and Rev. Williams, of the English Baptist church, delivered an address. A full report of this work at Allentown will appear later. If we are correctly informed the work is under the care of the Philadelphia charge.

A Pointer for the Boys

According to the report of examiners of young men for military service the evils of cigarette-smoking are once more strongly emphasized. Ninety per cent of cigarette smokers are rejected on the ground of physical disqualification. This record is truly alarming, not because it keeps young men from going to war, but because it is conclusive evidence that the habit of smoking cigarettes is ruining young men both physically and mentally. Let parents and guardians who have charge of the education of the

youth, use all their influence against this evil. Boys too, should take warning, for they are laying the foundation for ill health and mental wreck. Next to the evils of the liquor traffic comes this nasty, filthy tobacco habit, against which all decent people should wage a remorseless warfare.

A Magnanimous Message

That was a magnanimous message, which, according to an Associated Press dispatch, Commodore Dewey, the hero of Manila Bay, sent to the Admiral of the beaten fleet. He said, "I have pleasure in clasping your hand and offering my congratulations on the gallant manner in which you fought."

The Pa. Conference

The Pennsylvania Conference will meet in the Philadelphia church, June 7-10. We very much regret that we can not attend this conference. We had intended to be present at both the Maryland and Pennsylvania conferences, but circumstances over which we have no control forbid. It will be observed that the dates for the Pa. and the Ohio conferences are the same. The program of the former appears elsewhere in this paper.

Ministerial Association

Elsewhere in this issue we publish the program of the Ministerial Association of the Brethren church of Indiana, which meets at LaPaz, June 28, and continues in session four days. The work of this Association is being felt throughout the entire state. For the coming meeting the committee has prepared an excellent program, one which if carried out can not but result in permanent good. Our brethren in Indiana have taken it upon themselves to grapple with great questions, theological questions, but the ministers of our sister state are a progressive, wide awake, zealous people, and abundantly able to prosecute that which they have undertaken. The announcement for discussion of such subjects as, "Doctrine of Prayer," "Doctrine of Sanctification," "How do we know we are saved," "Second Coming of Christ," and others of equal import, show a decided intellectual advance in the ministry of the Brethren church in Indiana. We are pleased to note this progress, and trust that every minister in the state will avail himself of the opportunity for self improvement which the Association affords. The several lectures announced on the Gospel of John and on the Acts of the Apostles,

by brethren Furry and Yoder, will be interesting and helpful features of the coming meeting.

"The Grand Old Man"

"Know you not that a prince and a mighty man hath fallen in Isreal." The whole civilized world pauses in meditative sorrow at the bier of one of the greatest men of modern times, or of all times,—great in his intellect, his purpose, his moral integrity, his services, to the nation which proudly owns him, his services in the cause of human freedom of which he was the mightiest champion in the Eastern Hemisphere, and his literary achievements, giving a mighty impulse to right thinking in more than one important sphere of moral and religious investigation. His phenomenal mental power is illustrated by the saying in regard to him that if he had not been the greatest statesman of his times he might have been the greatest poet of his times, or instead of the greatest poet, the greatest philosopher of his times, or instead of the greatest philosopher, the greatest theologian of his times. The versatility of his genius seems to have been equal to the vigor of his intellect, but as statesman and orator, as the man who more than all others laid deep and strong the foundations of the greatest empire in history, and in his latter life as the grand old man who sturdily withstood the destructive tendencies of modern schools of religious thought, he will live in the memory and the veneration of succeeding generations. A brilliant star, gilded with heaven's own light sinks majestically into the gloom which terminates each earthly pathway. Even in the midst of its selfishness, its hurry, its absorbing occupations and blinding ambitions, the world pauses by the bier of the great man, sorrowing because he has departed, leaving the world so much poorer, but proud in its sorrow for the sublime genius, the sterling character, the magnanimous soul, the splendid career which has dignified the race, and given the world so mighty an uplift into the better civilization which illuminates the dawn of a new century.

As no Roman could be made a slave, so in like manner is a Christian forever free. Fear, flesh, sin and death may enslave aliens, but regnant liberty belongs to every son of God.—Selected.